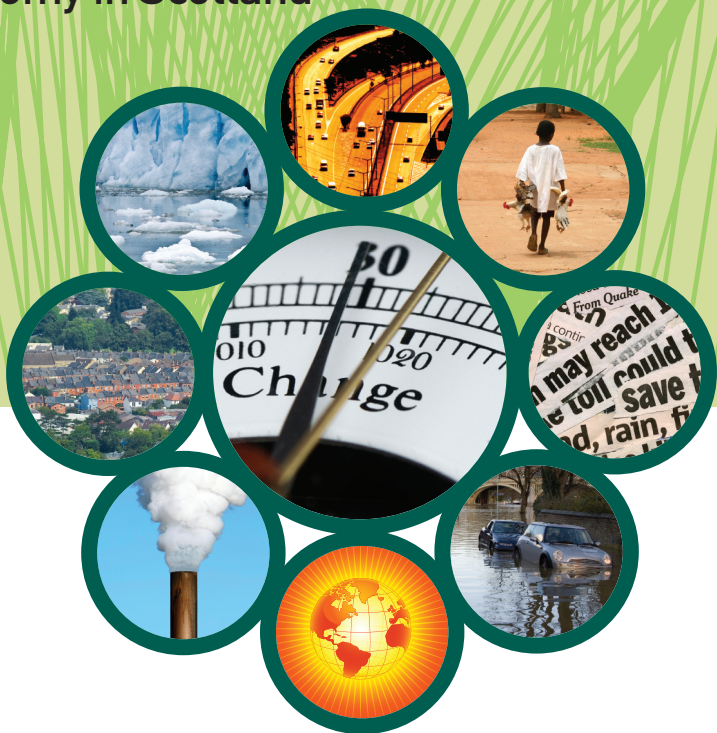


Royal Society of Edinburgh Inquiry

facing up to **climate change**: the opportunities and problems associated with a move to a low-carbon economy in Scotland

Public evidence gathering & discussion



The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) is undertaking a major new inquiry into the opportunities and problems associated with a move to a low-carbon economy in Scotland.

Date **Wednesday 2 June 2010**

Venue **Town House, Inverness, IV1 1JJ**

Time **Tea, coffee and information stands open to the public from 5pm. Public evidence gathering meeting from 6pm to 8pm.**

The event will start with an introduction by **Professor David Sugden**, Chair of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Inquiry into Facing up to Climate Change, and be followed by an evidence gathering session with the public. The discussion will feed into the RSE inquiry. The meeting will be Chaired by **Professor Alan Werritty**, Research Director of the UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science at the University of Dundee, with input from a panel including **Clive Bowman**, Clim-ATIC project coordinator at the UHI Millennium Institute, and, and **Cllr Michael Foxley**, Chair of Highland Council's Climate Change Working Group; and **Wendy Price** from Transition Town Black Isle. Before the event there will be an opportunity to visit exhibition stands on display from a range of local bodies and organisations involved in this area.

About the event

The rise in global greenhouse gas emissions presents a risk of significant climate change that will affect the lifestyles of people all over the Earth. The Climate Change (Scotland) Act has now been set in place with a statutory target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 42% by 2020 and, in order to achieve this, the Scottish Government is looking for:

- > a largely de-carbonised heat sector through a combination of reduced demand and energy efficiency, together with a massive increase in the use of renewable or low carbon heating;
- > almost complete decarbonisation of road transport through wholesale adoption of electric cars and vans, and significant decarbonisation of rail;
- > ensuring that carbon (including the cost of carbon) is fully factored into decisions about rural land use.

However, the gap between the aspirations of these policies and the current levels of emissions is large. The Inquiry would welcome the views of the public on the opportunities and challenges these goals present.

Add your voice to the debate

The event is open to all and free to attend.

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